



Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

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Wildlife Services

- The Wildlife Services function of UDAF provides an essential service through a cooperative effort to protect livestock from depredation from wildlife.
- This is a unique partnership with funding coming from State General Fund appropriations, federal appropriations through USDA, and individual producers contributing a livestock assessment on a per livestock head basis.
- Wildlife Services utilizes a combination of 41 full time and seasonal staff, as well as fixed wing aircraft and helicopters to increase effectiveness.
- In the absence of a predator management program, calf and lamb loss would rise 400% over current levels.



Wildlife Services: Situation

- ▶ Since their retirement in 2009, 3 eliminated employees have continued to volunteer full time in an attempt to provide depredation services to ranchers.
- ▶ We need to ensure that we have a sufficient number of capable employees in place that can perform the strenuous work of chasing predatory wildlife.
- ▶ Hiring more able-bodied employees will allow us to consistently get to remote kill sites to verify the kill, track the predator and protect livestock producers.

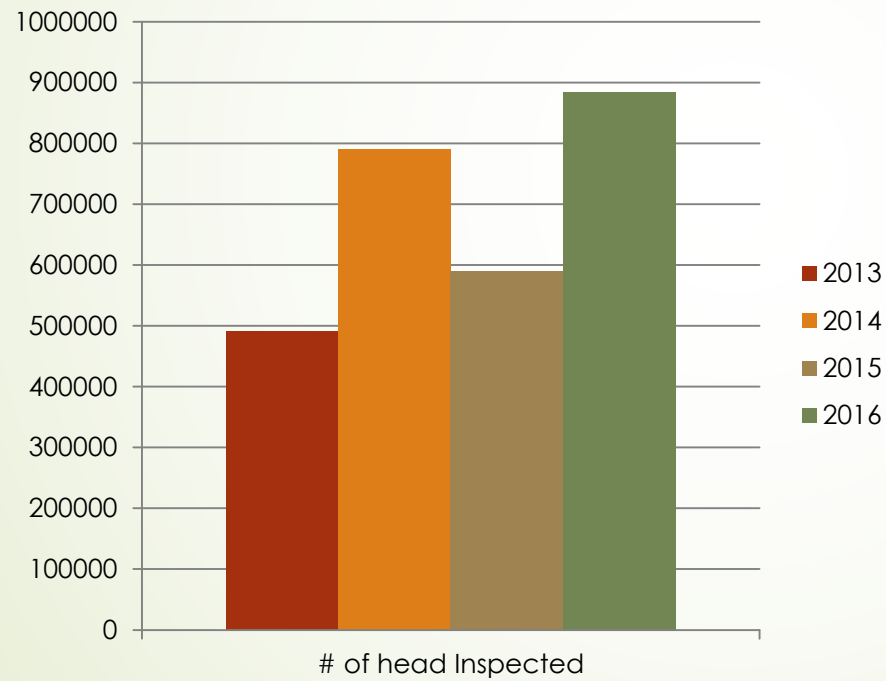
Livestock Inspection Bureau

- In recent years, the Livestock Inspection Bureau has focused on livestock theft.



Progress:

Livestock Inspected



Missing Livestock

